

**Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee
(SSTMD AC) Meeting Summary
April 10, 2008**

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Items 1,2. Introductions, Review/Approval of February and March Minutes:

Members and guests introduced themselves. Due to the absence of a quorum at the March meeting, the Committee approved minutes from February only. March minutes will be corrected as follows and made available at the May meeting for approval:

- Item 3: “Expenditures have been rising at a rate of 78% per year...”
Corrected to read “Expenditures have been rising at a rate of more than **8%** per year...”
- Item 3: “Mr. Segerman added that a positive sign from the meeting was...”
Corrected to read “Mr. Segerman added that a positive sign from the **budget** meeting was...”
- Item 4: Next to last paragraph: “The project will be cost effective when all is said and done”
Re-stated to “The state will weigh the cost effectiveness of each option under review and only the most cost-effective approach will be selected...”

Item 3. Chair’s Comments: Chair **Jim Polk** thanked **Charles Segerman** for acting as Chair at the March meeting.

Item 4. Purple Line: Since there will be extended discussion on the Purple Line, the Committee moved ahead to Items 5 and 6 Updates, and revisited this agenda item later in the meeting.

Items 5,6. Updates/Around the Room: **Sgt. Tom Harmon** stated there is a new traffic analyst working with the Police Department. He distributed two handouts showing collision-related calls for service from March. Some are pedestrian-vehicle collisions. In total, 190 crashes were investigated during the month of March, out of a total of 484 crashes in the 3rd District. Of those investigated, 62 were personal injury crashes, 128 were property damage crashes. The remaining crashes were simply minor accidents in which drivers exchanged information without police investigation. Ultimately, the County will be looking at the high incident areas and continuing to increase enforcement in those areas.

In the first three months of this year:

- 957 drivers were cited on Georgia Avenue
- 1,870 drivers were cited on Colesville Road
- 1,041 drivers were cited on New Hampshire Avenue

Sgt. Harmon also discussed some of the other enforcement efforts regarding Seatbelt Initiatives, Pedestrian Safety, deployment to DC to assist with the movement of the Pope, and providing escort to wounded Iraqi and Afghan veterans bicycling from DC to Baltimore and Annapolis (“From the White House to the Lighthouse” April 23-27).

Mel Tull asked whether buses possibly played a role in some of the pedestrian incidents. **Sgt. Harmon** responded that while there certainly are some bus-related incidents, the real issue is that many of these accidents occur on state highways. Since it can be difficult to coordinate engineering changes with SHA, such as changing light cycles, pedestrian signals, etc., there is only so much that the County can do on their own. Ideally, SHA would be open to discussing changes or recommendations to enhance pedestrian safety.

Terrie O'Steen updated the Committee on a new voluntary Traffic Mitigation Plan for *Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy*. The company has four employees who use transit. Ms. O'Steen stated that the company will provide \$30 per month and is requesting \$30 from the County. The Committee voted to recommend approval of the TMP.

Sandra Brecher stated that the County Executive is preserving Silver Spring's Super Fare Share program in his proposed FY09 Operating Budget. Although the program did see a reduction of \$1,000 (from \$201,000 to \$200,000), Ms. Brecher believes that this is a far better outcome than it could have been. By contrast, the Wheaton Super Fare Share program has been recommended for elimination. The Friendship Heights Super Fare Share program was also recommended to end since there is no public parking revenues in the TMD to offset the cost of the program.

The Council preliminarily adopted the Capital Improvement Plan, and construction of the North County Depot has been delayed. The importance of this issue for DPWT is that Ride On will need the depot in order to expand service. In terms of garage and maintenance capacity, the county is currently capped.

Item 4 Revisited. Discussion of Proposed Purple Line Routes: The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to discussion of the Purple Line. **Charles Segerman** led the discussion, during which the various route and mode options were highlighted. These included:

- Number of stops
- Location of stops
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) versus Light Rail
- Use of designated lanes for either bus or light rail
- Locations where tunneling may be an option
- Cost of different options
- Purpose of the Purple Line (Take traffic off roads or connect residents from Bethesda to New Carrollton and places in between)

There were no action items as a result of the discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM
Next meeting date: May 8, 2008

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Attendance Sheet
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Voting Members (12)			
Name	Affiliation	Present	Absent
Chamber Members (3)			
Ali Mahmood	Chevy Chase Bank		X
James S. Polk, Chairman	Technology Service Corporation	X	
Tom Collins	Atlantech Online		X
Citizens Advisory Board Members (3)			
Edward Furgol	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS	X	
Charles Segerman, Vice Chairman	North & West Sector Plan Area	X	
Andy Wexler	CBD Resident		X
TMD Employers less than 50 employees (3)			
Julian Leidman	Bonanza Coin	X	
Suvita Melehy	Melehy & Associates	X	
Cathy Wilde	Solid Waste Assoc of North America	X	
TMD Employers with 50 or more employees (3)			
G. Michael Price	Discovery Communications	X	
Robin Goudy	Social & Scientific Systems	X	
Geoffrey Kreig	Merchant Link	X	
Non-Voting Members (4)			
Sandra Brecher, DPWT Transit Services	DPWT Director or Designee	X	
Chuck Kines	M-NCPPC		X
Sergeant Thomas Harmon	Montgomery County Police	X	
Staff			
Terrie O'Steen	DPWT, Commuter Services	X	
David Kantor	DPWT, Commuter Services		X
Jim Carlson	DPWT, Commuter Services	X	
Guests			
Harry Sanders	SS Resident	X	
Mel Tull	Silver Spring Regional Services Center	X	